

the second end of the primary collar section and further having a longitudinal axis and being independent of internal rotation about said longitudinal axis,

whereby, the guidance device can be attached to the neck of the domestic animal independent of twisting of the secondary collar section.

2. (Original) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 1, wherein the means for reversibly connecting has an aperture and an opening with said opening being associated with the reversible fastener,

said aperture lying generally in a first plane and said opening lying generally in a non-parallel second plane.

3. (Original) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 2, wherein a line normal to the first plane is perpendicular to a line normal to the second plane.

4. (Original) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 1, wherein the means for reversibly connecting is slidably engaged to the secondary collar section.

5. (Withdrawn) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 4, wherein the secondary collar section comprises a restrictor of suitable size to prevent the means for reversibly connecting from sliding along the entire length of the secondary collar section so that the domestic animal can not be choked by the guidance device.

6. (Currently Amended) An [The] guidance device for a domestic animal [of claim 1, wherein] comprising:

- a. a primary collar section having a first end and a second end;
- b. a secondary collar section connected to one of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section; and
- c. means for reversibly connecting the secondary collar section and an other of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section,

said means for reversibly connecting having a longitudinal axis and being independent of internal rotation about said longitudinal axis, and

said means for reversibly connecting having a reversible fastener for attaching to one of the secondary collar section and the other of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section and having [the reversible fastener of the means for reversibly connecting has] a latch disposed outwardly relative to the neck of the domestic animal,

whereby, the guidance device can be attached to the neck of the domestic animal independent of twisting of the secondary collar section.

7. (Withdrawn) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 1, wherein the secondary collar section comprises a chain having a first end connected to one of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section, and a second end with a lead connector,

said means for reversibly connecting being slidable along the length of the chain to form a choke collar.

8. (Withdrawn) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 7, wherein the lead connector is rotatable.

9. (Previously Amended) A guidance device for a domestic animal comprising:

- a. a primary collar section having a first end and a second end;
- b. a secondary collar section connected to one of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section;
- c. means for reversibly connecting being slidably engaged to the secondary collar section; and
- d. means for reversibly connecting the secondary collar section and an other of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section,

said means for reversibly connecting having a longitudinal axis and being independent of internal rotation about said longitudinal axis,

said means for reversibly connecting having a reversible fastener for attaching to one of the secondary collar section and the other of the first end and the second end of the

primary collar section,

said reversible fastener of the means for reversibly connecting having a latch disposed outwardly relative to the neck of the domestic animal,

whereby, the guidance device can be attached to the neck of the domestic animal independent of twisting of the secondary collar section.

10. (Original) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 9, wherein the means for reversibly connecting has an aperture and an opening with said opening being associated with the reversible fastener,

said aperture lying generally in a first plane and said opening lying generally in a non-parallel second plane.

11. (Original) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 10, wherein a line normal to the first plane is perpendicular to a line normal to the second plane.

12. (Withdrawn) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 10, wherein the secondary collar section comprises a chain having a first end connected to one of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section, a second end with a rotatable lead connector, and the secondary collar section comprises a restrictor of suitable size to prevent the means for reversibly connecting from sliding so far along the secondary collar section that the domestic animal can be choked by the guidance device.

13. (Withdrawn) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 1, wherein the primary collar section comprises a plurality of prong links operably connected to form a flexible chain.

14. (Original) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 1, wherein the means for reversibly connecting comprises a non-swiveling snap fastener.

15. (Withdrawn) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 1, wherein the means for reversibly connecting comprises a spring biased clip.

16. (Original) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 1, wherein the secondary

collar section comprises a constricting loop having a lead connector, a first segment and a second segment,

said first segment extends from one side of the lead connector, and said second segment extends from the other side of the lead connector and connects with the first segment to form the constricting loop,

said first segment is slidably connected to one of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section,

said second segment is slidably connected to the means for reversibly connecting,

whereby, the means for reversibly connecting can be fastened slidably to one of the second segment and the other of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section to close the guidance device about the neck of the domestic animal.

17. (Previously Amended) A guidance device for a domestic animal comprising:

- a. a primary collar section having a first end and a second end;
- b. a secondary collar section connected to one of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section,

said secondary collar section comprising a constricting loop having a lead connector, a first segment and a second segment,

said first segment extends from one side of the lead connector, and said second segment extends from an other side of the lead connector and connects with the first segment to form the constricting loop,

said first segment is slidably connected to one of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section; and

- c. means for reversibly connecting the secondary collar section and an other of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section,

said second segment is slidably connected to the means for reversibly

connecting,

said means for reversibly connecting having a longitudinal axis and being independent of internal rotation about said longitudinal axis,

said means for reversibly connecting having a reversible fastener for attaching to one of the second segment and the other of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section,

said reversible fastener of the means for reversibly connecting having a latch disposed outwardly relative to the neck of the domestic animal,

whereby, the guidance device can be attached to the neck of the domestic animal independent of twisting, and the means for reversibly connecting can be fastened to one of the second segment and the other of the first end and the second end of the primary collar section to close the guidance device about the neck of the domestic animal.

18. (Previously Amended) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 17, wherein the means for reversibly connecting has an aperture and an opening with said opening being associated with the reversible fastener,

said aperture lying generally in a first plane and said opening lying generally in a non-parallel second plane.

19. (Original) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 18, wherein a line normal to the first plane is perpendicular to a line normal to the second plane.

20. (Previously Amended) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 17, wherein the primary collar section comprises a plurality of prong links operably connected to form a flexible chain.

21. (Previously Amended) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 17, wherein the means for reversibly connecting comprises a non-swiveling snap fastener.

22. (Previously Amended) The guidance device for a domestic animal of claim 17, wherein the means for reversibly connecting comprises a spring biased clip.